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BRITISH CAUTION JUSTIFIED

The British and French are showing a marked reluctance to agree to the withdrawal of all their troops from the Suez Canal area and there is considerable justification for their attitude.

Egypt has not yet agreed to British-French demands that the Suez Canal be operated by the U. N., or an international group, guaranteeing that ships of all nations would be free at all times to use the facilities of the canal.

This was the purpose behind the British-French invasion. President Nasser, having nationalized the canal, should have no objections to an international group supervising the operation of the canal. Egypt certainly broke one legal agreement which would have allowed the former operators of the canal to function for more than ten years longer.

How do the British and French know that Egypt will show the U. N. body, or force, any more respect than was given the agreement between Egypt and the former operators, until the U. N. force in the area is large enough to accomplish its mission, and also has an agreement with Egypt?

What if the British should pull out a second time and Nasser were to successfully flout the spirit of the U. N.—and proposed settlement—and once again maneuver himself into full control, meanwhile building up his arms by the acquisition of more Communist-supplied weapons?

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THE MILITARY DILEMMA

The dilemma being faced in the Pentagon by Defense Department officials is clearly demonstrated by the recent action of Secretary of Defense Charels E. Wilson. Mr. Wilson finally had to step into the row between the Army and Air Force and settle the line of delineation of authority between the two services concerning guided missiles.

To settle the argument, Wilson gave the Air Force control of all long-range missiles, which include all those which travel more than 200 miles. On the other hand, he gave the Army authority in the field of anti-aircraft missiles, which constitutes a compromise solution in this field.

The Army is still pushing for an Air Force of its own, while the Navy is maintaining its own air force, and the Navy is still maintaining an army of its own—a very good one, we might add—and the Air Force is seeking to acquire a clear road of authority in the field of strategic bombing and hydrogen bombs. Here the Navy is involved also.

All of which leads us to the conclusion that, eventually, the military services in this country will have to be welded into a single service. There will be three branches, but the three services will be coordinated to a greater degree than is possible under the present system. Those who engineered the establishment of the Defense Department, only a few years ago, envisioned a Department which would coordinate the operations and functions of the three services. It has been almost impossible for the Defence Department to weld the services together and the role of the Department has actually become one of arbiter or umpire or judge, while the three services continue to go their own way, fight among themselves about fields of authority, and duplicate themselves in many phases of defense work.

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THE B-58

The B-58 bomber, described as the first supersonic bomber yet built, has been initially flown at Fort Worth, Texas, the Air Force has announced. The four-engined, triangular-winged supersonic bomber, built by Convair, is capable of flying faster than the speed of sound, at all altitude levels, and is designed to pass through the sound barrier with a minimum of effort and reaction.

The B-58 is powered by four J-79 jet engines, and is expected to fly at altitudes of 50,000 feet and above. Its defensive armor is secret, but it is supposed that for defense the new bomber will utilize either rockets or guided missiles.

The Air Force has not indicated when B-58 deliveries will begin, but possession of the B-58 in numbers will eventually mean that the Air Force will possess a bomber which is capable of supersonic performance, a significant increase in Air Force strength.

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MOLOTOV'S RISE

The new rise of Vyacheslav M. Scriabin, who has dropped the name of Scriabin and is known as Vyacheslav M. Mooltov, is apparently ominous news for Americans. Molotov, among all living Russians, is said to be the most uncompromising Bolshevik left in Russia.

A glance into history will reveal many interesting things about the career of Molotov. For instance, one can look back to the Thirties to see how he dealt with dictators, prefering Hitler to Great Britain on the eve of World War II.

In fact, Molotov's agreement with Hitler, called a non-aggression pact, in August, 1939, opened the way for the German attack on Poland, and was a significant contributing factor to the beginning of World War II.

Now that Molotov has been named Minister of State, he will gain power over many phases of Russian life. In fact, he is given the authority to prosecute other branches of the government, if necessary.

Just how much power the job will entail is yet to be seen. However, the fact that Molotov has been given such a post is bad news for the rest of the world because it means that he has gained ground in his feud with Khrushchev and Bulganin. The continuing rivalry which has evidently been intense in Moscow since the death of Stalin is still in progress, and as long as this is the case, surprises or explosions in the Kremlin are possible without notice.

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The man who plays eighteen holes of golf can get awfully tired when his wife asks him to attend a reception.

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No matter how criminal they are, they always stand on their constitutional rights.

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A miser it not as bad as those who do not know how to give of themselves.

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War or peace for the United States, unfortunately, is not completely left to this nation.

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Then, there are the people who tell you, when you ask them how they feel.

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Words have a different meaning to different people, so be careful how you use them.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Rev. 7. Devotional Reading: Psalm 27:1-10.

In All Things, God

Lesson for December 9, 1956

THERE is far too much in the famous eighth chapter of Romans to think about in the small space of one column. So one sentence from it will be quite enough food for thought: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him." (Rom. 8:28.) Readers familiar with the old King James translation (made in 1611) will notice that the new translation is different. The old version read: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." . . . Which translation is right? The letter to the Romans was written in Greek, of course. We do not have the original letter, but we have discovered some Greek copies of it in manuscripts much earlier than any that were known back in 1611. The oldest and best of these have exactly what the Revised Standard Version accurately translates: Not **things** but **God** is the subject of the sentence—it is God who works for good in everything, it is not things that work for good.

Dr. Foreman

"In Everything, God . . ."

Christians who take the Bible seriously do not believe in a far-away God. It is quite true, as the Psalm writer said, there is no getting away from God. The wildest dream of the most fanciful space-fiction writer might come true, but on the last lost planet God would still be there. God is in all space and in all time, too. However old the universe may be, God is older still. But the God revealed in the Bible is not one who set the universe going as a man winds a watch and then lets it run. God is in all things, and all things are in God. This is not so hard to believe. What does call for a rugged faith is the Bible belief that God is in things we find painful and bad, not in good things alone. If we do not believe this, then we are always haunted by the fear—What if the evil in the world is too much for God? What if eventually he is overwhelmed by a universe he cannot control? What if God's intentions are better than his abilities? Have no fear, God's Word assures us. God is not on vacation, he is at work in everything, small and great, in pain and in delight.

"God Works for Good"

The Bible writers never say that all things are good. Some things are good. Some things are bad, some things are just the opposite of what they ought to be. This raises a most difficult problem, the problem of evil. No one knows the answer to it; but the Bible never takes the short-cut of denying that evil exists. What the Bible does say is that even in evil things God is at work for good. Joseph, son of Jacob, as a boy was sold into Egypt as a slave by his criminal brothers. That was not a good thing. Years later, however, the man Joseph said to his brothers, "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." If it had not been for that wicked act (and some others besides) the family of Jacob would have perished of starvation. History is full of illustrations of the ways in which God brings good out of evil. Tyranny and cruelty are not good things; yet if George III had been a more enlightened and just king, the American colonists might never have thought of achieving freedom. The "World Wars" were terrible things; but they did rid the world of some tyrannies. Many events in our personal lives which were frustrating or tragic, have been seen in later years to have been part of God's wise plan. After all, what kind of God would our God be, if he could not bring good out of evil?

"With Those Who Love Him"

The new and better translation of this great sentence from St. Paul brings out another point which Paul's Greek suggests: God is at work **with** those who love him. He works for them, to be sure, but that is not the main point here. God's work is never a substitute for the work of those who love him. Loving God is no excuse for not serving him. Loving God is not mere sentiment, a sort of warm glow, a happy feeling about the "man upstairs." Love of God, like love of neighbor, is a serious thing. It calls for devotion, hard work, even sacrifice. To go back to the story of Joseph, God brought good out of evil; but suppose Joseph himself had been lazy, selfish and careless? God's work calls for many partners — not sidewalk superintendents, not slaves, but partners in the everlasting Love.

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Washington Notes

SAVINGS BONDS

Small investors of the country now hold $41,125,000,000 in savings bonds—series E and H— but the Government reports that sales of the bonds have not rolled up the expected 1956 volume. Even so, sales have averaged $446,000,000 a month, not too far below the goal of $471,000,000 set by the Treasury.

U. S. IMPORTS

The Census Bureau has reported that U. S. imports totaled $9.4 billion in the first nine months of 1956, a 14 per cent increase over the same period of last year.

WHEAT FARMERS

Wheat farmers of the nation have signed agreements placing 10,652,127 acres in the soil bank's winter wheat acreage reserve program through the middle of November. The 193,474 farmers in 36 states will be eligible for a maximum of $198,877,046 in acreage reserve payments if they comply with the requirements, the Agriculture Departments states.

COTTON CONSUMPTION

Cotton consumption for the October period averaged 36,616 bales for each working day, according to the Bureau of the Census. This compares with an average of 36,843 bales for the corresponding period a year ago and with 32,887 for the September period of this year.

ACCIDENTS

Accidents now rank first as the cause of death in persons between 1 and 35 years old. They are fourth as the cause of death in all age groups. Accidents in 1955 killed 93,000 persons, 38,000 of whom were killed in automobiles.

"AGE OF AGE"

This is becoming an "age of age." By 1970, 20,000,000 Americans will be 65 years or older. Since chronic diseases take their toll in older persons and many will not be able to pay for medical care through insurance, Federal action to stimulate state programs to reduce the impact of chronic illness upon older persons is being considered.

1957 PROSPECTS

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks has reported that all indications are that the first six months of 1957 "will go ahead of this year in production and sales." However, rising prices will bear watching by both business and government.

"ESCAPE SEAT"

A rocket - powered escape seat for pilots of supersonic jet airplanes has been tested and described as promising a chance of survival even in ground-level ejections. Test ejections were made from a rocket-propelled sled moving on tracks, at Edwards Air Force Base, California. A Convair TF-102A trainer, jet cockpit was used on the sled.

PARCEL POST

The Post Office Department announced that, effective Jan. 1, the minimum fee for insurance on parcel post would be 10 cents. The loss or damage up to $10 is the present minimum; it is now 5 cents. The covers loss or damage up to $5. The change affects parcels to Canada as well as those to the United States points.

TAX FORMS FOR '57

Federal income tax forms for the preparation of 1956 returns are now available to accountants, firms and other professionals who need advance copies, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Individual taxpayers will receive their forms and instruction booklets through the mails during late December or early January.

WORLD CHILDREN

The population of the world includes an estimated 550 to 600 million children of school age, five to fourteen years old, according to the UNESCO. Of a total 43 to 46 million live in Asia.

General Gruenther, stepping up as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, warned that the Soviet Union and its satellites would be destroyed if they attacked NATO.

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Home Agent's Notes

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Holiday Safety

Parents of infants and children should be especially safety-conscious during the holiday season. Dangers are nearly always present, but risks are multiplied at Christmas time.

Take toys, for example. Small children can get hurt on an edge that, to an older person, might seem harmless. Some toys are all right until they are broken; then they become serious hazards. Eating off harmful paint, choking on small objects, lifting things too heavy, playing with gifts meant for older persons—yes, the holiday season can bring trouble.

And what about the danger of fire in a lighted Christmas tree Do you know how to take the best precautions against this danger?

For directions on the safe handling of the tree, and on what playtime dangers to look for, age group by age group through 10 to 12 years old, write to the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg, Va., and ask for Leaflet 55.

This short but valuable publication not only tells what to avoid in toys but has many sugestions about the right kind of toys for the different ages.

Storing Ice Cream in Home Freezers

If you're stocking your home freezer with ice cream for the holidays, here are suggestions from the Ohio Extension dairy specialists for keeping its quality.

If the ice cream will be stored in your freezer for more than a week, be sure it is packaged properly. No additional wrapping will be needed if the original container is moisture-proof and has a tight-fitting lid. Otherwise, one of the following packaging methods is suggested for keeping the ice cream from losing moisture in the freezer.

Place the original carton in a plastic bag and seal tight; or wrap the carton with moisture-proof wrapping material; or transfer the ice cream to a moisture-proof container.

If the ice cream is allowed to soften and then is refrozen, it tends to shrink in volume and become coarse in texture. Therefore, as you use it, take out of the package only the amount needed, and return the unused portion, closely sealed, to the freezer immediately. Keep the containers closed or wrapped to prevent ice cream from drying out in the freezer.

Department of Agriculture home freezing specialists add the reminder that the most convenient size container for ice cream, as for other foods, holds just the amount to use at one time. This saves returning partially used ice cream to the freezer. If you purchase a quantity container, keep a layer of foil or heavy waxed paper over the surface of the ice cream, as you use it, to protect it as much as possible from contact with air.

Eggs In '57

Egg production next year is expected to top this year's record output, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The 1956 production is estimated at 169 million cases or over 5 billion dozens, an all-time record. Prospects are that next year's production will be up somewhat, perhaps by 2 per cent. This doesn't mean larger flocks of hens on farms next year, but rather that hens will continue to be more efficient layers.

Because egg production probably will keep pace with population increase, average consumption of eggs next year will be about the same as for the past 3 years—that is, about 365 eggs per person. This is below the record high of 397 eggs per person reached in 1945, and also below the 1947-49 average of 380 eggs.

Nylon, Acrilan, and Orlon

Nylon is tops in strength, abrasion resistance and has an elastic quality all of which make it ideal for sheer hosiery. A small percentage of nylon can add tremendously to a fabric's durability, so nylon is used in many blends with either natural or other man-made fibers. Nylon may be pressure dyed to take rich, deep colors. Currently nylon is being used for hosiery, lingerie, dresses, shirts, sheets, marquisette and lace curtains, draperies, upholstery, table cloths, and carpets. Fabrics wash easily, dry fast, need little ironing, and will not shrink or stretch.

Acrilan is one of the acrylic fibers which are characterized by bulkiness, sun and weather resistance. It can be woven in almost any fabric construction and blends well with many other fibers. The fact that it neither stretches nor sags makes it a good fiber for sweaters and jerseys. It has proved to be a fine blanket fiber because it gives warmth without weight.

Orlon rates high in strength, almost up to that of nylon, It has excellent resistance to deterioration from sun, heat, and chemicals. Orlon is being used in sweaters, socks, lingerie, dresses, suits, coats, and in blouses, tweeds, fleeces curtains, sheer curtain fabrics, awnings. It launders well and should be ironed at low heat.

MONKEY WRECKS SHOP

Menlo Park, Cal.- Police were notified by Mrs. Alice Tucker that someone had ransacked her pet shop and stolen her $700 South American monkey, Bosco. Inspector Frank Marlowe found Bosco and had an inspiration. He put the monkey on a leash, set him back into his cage, hid and watched. Bosco promptly unlatched the cage and headed for the front door. Bosco, the culprit, had broken every light bulb in the shop, stuffed himself on candy and dog food and disconnected the air pump to the aquarium.

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